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IDEA Compliance and Implementation in Arkansas Schools: Panel I

Hosted By:

The Arkansas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Date:

Friday August 6, 2021

Time:

1: 00 p.m. — 2: 30 p.m. Central

Online (audio/visual):

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Phone: 202-618-4158 Email: mwojnaroski@usccr.gov Online: www.usccr.gov The Arkansas Advisory Committee to the <u>U.S. Commission on Civil Rights</u> is conducting a study of IDEA Compliance and Implementation in Arkansas schools. This is the first in a series of meetings the Committee will host to hear public testimony on the topic. The Committee will examine the extent to which students with disabilities are receiving the services to which they are entitled under the IDEA, and whether and the extent to which the provision of services to students with disabilities in Arkansas has resulted in disparities in both educational access and effectiveness based on race, color, sex, national origin, or religion. The meeting agenda is as follows (details on reverse):

- Welcoming Remarks, 1:00-1:05pm
- Panel Speakers, 1:05-1:50pm
- Committee Dialogue, 1:50-2:15pm
- Public Comment, 2:15-2:30pm

Closed captions will be provided. Individuals requiring other accommodations should contact the Regional Program Unit five business days prior to the meeting to make their request. The Committee will hear testimony from additional speakers to be scheduled throughout fall 2021. Members of the public will be invited to speak during the open comment period near the end of each meeting. The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to mwojnaroski@usccr.gov throughout the duration of this project.

The Committee will issue findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

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- ♦ Amelia Lafont, Attorney at Law, MPS
- ◆Renee Johnson, UniServe Director, Arkansas Education Assocation
- ◆Lizbeth Huggins, Special Education Parent

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Adjournment, 2:30pm